



NEWHAVEN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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of the

Medical Officer of Health

for the

YEAR ENDED - 31st December, 1972

NEWHAVEN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

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10th April, 1972.

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To the Chairman and Members of the Newhaven Public Health and Housing Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the state of public health and on the sanitary circumstances of Newhaven for 1972.

The vital statistics of the area compare very favourably with those for England and Wales and do not call for any comment.

Only ten cases of infectious disease were notified during the year and there were no new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis.

One small clearance area containing three houses was declared during the year. Eleven unfit houses still remain to be demolished but only five of these are still occupied. There are however some one hundred and sixty houses in the district requiring improvements to bring them up to a reasonable standard. Thirty-eight improvement grants were made during the year. Once again, no Council dwellings were erected but some sixty private houses were completed during the year. A further eighty-seven private dwellings were in the course of construction at the end of the year.

This will be the last Annual Report to be received by the present Council. The reorganisation of Local Government and of the Health Service provide for the transfer of the Medical Officer of Health from employment in Local Government to employment by the new Area Health Authority as a Community Physician. At the time of writing the details of the proposed system of collaboration between the National Health Service and Local Government were still not available. Whatever the ultimate details are, it is obvious that the system will have to allow for medical advice to be readily available to District Councils on certain matters. To function effectively in this role, the medical adviser must continue to be accepted as a member of the District Councils' team of officers whilst, at the same time, looking to the Area Health Authority for perhaps the major part of his future work. Medical Officers of Health have served the community well during the past 120 years. There are reasons of administrative convenience for integrating the Health Services and hopes thereby that the effectiveness of the Health Services will increase. Over the years, the Medical Officer of Health has been a good friend to the 'man in the street' who will gain no benefit from the disappearance of the Medical Officer of Health and the re-emergence of the Community Physician, unless very close links are preserved between Local Authorities and Area Health Authorities.

In conclusion, I should like to express my appreciation to the Members of the Council for the help and consideration I have received from the during the year. My thanks are also due to Mr. Gibbs, the Chief Public Health Inspector and to Mr. Barton, the Deputy Public Health Inspector for their assistance and co-operation. Mr. Barton took up his duties in April. He brought an extensive knowledge of port health work following his stay at Dover and together with Mr. Gibbs has ensured a very high standard of public health both in the town and in the port of Newhaven. To the other officers of the Council, I offer my thanks for their courtesy and co-operation.

I am Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

J. L. COTTON,

Medical Officer of Health.

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SECTION I

STATISTICS FOR THE AREA

(a) GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (acres)	1,772
Population (Registrar General's estimate for mid year 1972)	10,180
Population (1931 Census)	7,381
Population (1951 Census)	7,783
Population (1961 Census)	8,325
Net increase of population during the year	120
Number of occupied houses 1951	2,196
Number of occupied houses 1972	3,362
Rateable Value (April, 1972)	£685,542
Product of penny rate (estimate 1971-72)	£6,750

(b) VITAL STATISTICS

1. Births and Birth Rate

	NEWHAVEN U.D.	ENGLAND & WALES
Live Births	137	
Live birth rate per 1,000 population (crude)	13.5	14.8
* Corrected birth rate	13.8	
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	7.0	9.0
Still-births	2	
Still-birth rate per 1,000 live and still births	14.0	12.0
Total live and still-births	139	
Live births		
Legitimate	55	72
Illegitimate	5	10
	60	77
	137	

2. Deaths and Death Rate

Deaths	150	
Death rate per 1,000 population (crude)	14.7	12.1
* Corrected death rate	10.9	
Infant deaths (deaths under 1 year)	1	
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	7.0	17.0
Maternal mortality (including abortions)		
Number of deaths	0	
Rate per 1,000 live and still births	0	

* In order to compare death rates and birth rates in different parts of the country, the Registrar General supplies comparability factors for every district, so as to adjust for irregularities regarding age and sex in the local population. Applying a comparability factor of 1.02 to the crude birth rate of 13.5 the adjusted rate becomes 13.8 which is lower than the figure of 14.8 for England and Wales. Similarly a comparability factor of 0.74 applied to the crude death rate makes the adjusted rate of 10.9. This is lower than the rate for England and Wales at 12.1.

POPULATION

The population of Newhaven for the last ten years is given below:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Births</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Birth Rate</u>	<u>Adjusted Birth Rate</u>	<u>Death Rate</u>	<u>Adjusted Death Rate</u>
1963	8,780	143	137	16.3	18.4	15.6	12.3
1964	9,010	171	117	19.0	21.4	13.0	10.5
1965	9,260	165	124	17.8	20.1	13.4	10.7
1966	9,380	158	139	16.8	19.0	14.8	12.0
1967	9,470	157	118	16.6	18.8	12.5	9.0
1968	9,760	159	160	16.3	18.1	16.4	12.3
1969	9,900	165	135	16.7	18.5	13.6	10.3
1970	9,980	152	130	15.2	16.9	13.0	10.4
1971	10,060	171	153	17.0	18.9	15.2	12.2
1972	10,180	137	150	13.5	13.8	14.7	10.9

The increase in population during 1972 was 120 and it seems likely that the population will continue to rise at a reasonably steady rate over the foreseeable future.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

No case of maternal mortality occurred in Newhaven during 1972. Only one maternal death has occurred in the area during the last thirty-six years.

INFANTILE MORTALITY

One infant death occurred in 1972 in Newhaven.

BIRTH RATE

The corrected birth rate is lower than that for England and Wales.

DEATH RATE

The corrected death rate of 10.9 per 1,000 population is lower than the national figure of 12.1.

Highest age at death was 99 years
Lowest age at death was 9 weeks
Average age at death was 74.4 years

MAIN CAUSES OF DEATH

		<u>% of deaths</u>
(1) Diseases of the heart and circulatory system	81	54
(2) Cancer (all sites)	29	19.3
(Cancer of the lung or bronchus accounted for)	8	5.3

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT 1951

During the year no persons who were aged and infirm and were living in insanitary conditions, unable to devote to themselves and not receiving from other persons proper care and attention, were removed to hospital or to an institution under the provisions of the above legislation.

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks & Under 1 year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over
Late Effects of Respiratory T.B.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm Stomach	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm Intestine	M	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	1
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Malignant Neoplasm Lung, Bronchus	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm Uterus	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
Leukaemia	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diabetes Mellitus	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Anaemias	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Mental Disorders	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Multiple Sclerosis	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other Diseases of Nervous System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Hypertensive Disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	8	3
	F	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	18
Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7
	F	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	21
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks & Under 1 Year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & Over
Influenza	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	M	7	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Bronchitis & Emphysema	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Diseases Genito- Urinary System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Diseases of Musculo- Skeletal System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Congenital Anomalies	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	61	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	5	10	19	23
	F	89	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	4	19	62

SECTION II

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES

During the period under review the Medical Officer of Health for Newhaven also acted as Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of Lewes, the Urban District of Seaford and the Rural District of Chailey.

One Public Health Inspector and an Assistant Public Health Inspector carried out duties in the area during 1972.

2. LABORATORY FACILITIES

These are provided by the Public Health Laboratory, at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.

3. AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The provision of the ambulance service is the responsibility of the East Sussex County Council.

The area served by the ambulance includes the districts of Newhaven, Peacehaven, Telscombe, Piddinghoe, Tarring Neville and South Heighton. In the event of a further call or calls being received before the ambulance has returned from a previous journey, arrangements are in being for the call to be dealt with by other authorities in the area. Should this be necessary, it is done by radio control.

The East Sussex County Council provide facilities for the transport of tuberculosis patients.

4. HOSPITALS

Under the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, the Department of Health and Social Security is responsible for the provision of hospital accommodation which, in this area, was materially the same as in previous years.

5. NURSING IN THE HOME

The East Sussex County Council is responsible for the provision of nursing and domiciliary midwifery services in the district.

6. CLINICS

The following is a list of clinics and treatment centres available during 1972 for residents of the district:-

Description and Situation	Day and Time of Attendance	By whom provided
Dental Clinic, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Monday to Friday inclusive of each week. By appointment	East Sussex County Council
Speech Therapy, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Every Friday by appointment	East Sussex County Council
Cytology Clinic, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Mornings - Tuesday as necessary Evenings - 2nd & 4th Tuesday as necessary	East Sussex County Council,
Toddlers Clinic, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	2nd & 4th Wednesday mornings	East Sussex County Council
Ante-natal Clinic, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Afternoons 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Monday in every month (General Practitioners Clinic) 5th Monday in month (Midwives Clinic)	East Sussex County Council
Mothercraft & Relaxation Clinic, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Afternoons - 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesday in every month	East Sussex County Council
Child Health Clinic, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Every Wednesday afternoon	East Sussex County Council
Chiropody for the elderly & handicapped, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Mornings - Monday and Thursday of each week Afternoons - Monday 1st & 3rd in month Thursday 2nd & 4th in month	East Sussex County Council
Welfare Foods, Hillcrest Road Centre, NEWHAVEN.	Afternoons - Monday, Wednesday & Friday of each week 2.00 to 5.00p.m.	East Sussex County Council
Child Health Clinic, Denton Church Hall, DENTON.	Afternoons - 3rd Tuesday in every month	East Sussex County Council

7. PROVISION FOR DEALING WITH THE NEEDS OF THE MENTALLY DISORDERED

Under the provisions of the Mental Health Act, 1959, the East Sussex County Council makes provision for dealing with the needs of the mentally disordered. The provision of care in psychiatric hospitals is the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board.

SECTION III

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Mr. M. R. Gibbs, Chief Public Health Inspector, has furnished the following report on the sanitary supervision of the area:-

With the appointment of a Deputy Inspector, who commenced duty in April and a decrease in the importation of meat at the port, much more time was devoted during the year to work in the town. It is pleasing to be able to report considerable progress with housing work and enforcement under food hygiene and staff welfare legislation.

The year saw the completion and opening of the southern ring road and a start made on preparatory work for the new swing bridge. This and the northern ring road should soon be well under way.

The standards in a number of food premises were raised and three prosecutions instituted for the sale of unfit food. A new multiple grocery premises opened in the High Street and the town is likely to have its first Chinese restaurant in the foreseeable future.

The number of food complaints rose by 50%. A number of minor contraventions of Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act and Factory Act were dealt with.

41 representations from tenants for standard amenities in their homes to be enforced by the Council were dealt with under the Housing Act 1964. The number of enquiries for improvement grants increased considerably although many of them proved abortive because Government publicity appeared to be misleading. The number of applicants showed a decrease on 1971 but it is anticipated that there will be a sharp increase in 1973.

A small clearance area comprising three cottages in Chapel Street was declared. There are now only 5 occupied unfit houses and about 160 where no steps have been taken to initiate improvements.

Temporary portable conveniences were provided by National Car Parks at West Beach, pending the erection of permanent ones.

A number of new factory units were completed and occupied. These included a wholesale meat establishment where inspections are being regularly made. Discount warehouses for furniture, electrical goods and carpets also opened up.

Private building was mainly concentrated at The Fort, Valley Estate and off Avis Road.

1. CARAVAN SITES

The two sites off Court Farm Road created no problems. Additional showers were provided and in liaison with the Chief Fire Officer, fire-fighting facilities were brought up to date. 16 visits and inspections were made.

2. CLEAN AIR ACTS

16 complaints were received concerning emissions of smoke or offensive fumes and 35 visits were made to investigate these and other contraventions of the Acts.

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| 1. Burning Railway Wagons | (2) |
| 2. Fumes from Cold Blast Cupolas | (1) |
| 3. Burning rubbish and bonfires | (8) |
| 4. Burning Scrap Cars | (1) |
| 5. Smoke from Aluminium Works | (3) |
| 6. Smoke from ship | (1) |

As with most matters prevention is the best cure, and in this respect all applications for industrial premises are carefully examined at the planning stage to ensure that heating and furnace equipment complies with the extensive provisions of the Clean Air Acts and during the regular visits made to all premises, checks are made to ensure that the appliances are functioning efficiently and are properly maintained.

When smoke emissions do occur they are usually inadvertent and are quickly corrected, and although several warnings have been given it has not been found necessary to prosecute any offenders during the year.

One particular Aluminium Smelting Works ran into quite serious difficulties and being a prototype furnace has required major alterations to ensure that it operates smokelessly.

A number of visits were made to British Rail Steamships to ensure that the lighting up of oil-fired boilers was carried out as quickly and as efficiently as possible, to minimise emissions of dark smoke. Complaints such as these will soon be for the historians when these ships are replaced by motor vessels.

As in previous years several complaints arose from the careless use of bonfires for burning garden refuse and rubbish. Some people seem to have a mania for their twice-weekly bonfire and whilst not wishing to pour cold water on this tradition the public should have regard to the wind direction, the nature of the material to be burnt and any washing in the vicinity. There can be little excuse for causing annoyance to neighbours through smoke and smells when the Council have provided a free tip for such domestic waste at the entrance to the Lewes Road tip. Persistent offenders may be reminded that it can be an offence to cause a nuisance to one's neighbours.

3. FOOD AND FOOD HYGIENE

(a) Butchers - 9

45 inspections were made and the following work carried out:-

General cleaning, redecorating etc.	3
Verbal warnings re smoking	3

One new wholesale premises opened up in Avis Way, necessitating regular inspections of beef imported from Ireland. This was all of good quality.

(b) Cafés and Bakers - 19

67 inspections were made and the following work carried out:-

General improvements	3
Redecorations	5
New Floor	1
Wash-Basin installed	2
Verbal warning re smoking	1

The café on the West Beach was partially destroyed by fire.

(c) Fish Shops - 3

8 inspections were made and general cleaning up was carried out in one case. The wet fish stall adjacent to the swing bridge ceased to trade and the stall-holder took over the shop in Chapel Street.

(d) Greengrocers - 4

11 inspections were made and the following work carried out:-

Water heaters repaired	2
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1 premises in the High Street closed down.

(e) General Stores and Supermarkets - 23

58 inspections were made and the following work carried out:-

General Cleaning and tidying up	5
Verbal warnings re smoking	3
Floors made good	1
Ceiling made good	1
Ventilated lobby provided to W.C.	1

(f) Licensed Premises - 23

24 inspections were made. General cleaning and redecorating was carried out in 3 cases. The Railway Hotel was demolished in connection with the new swing bridge.

(g) Warehouses - 6

7 inspections were made. No contraventions discovered.

A number of items were outstanding at the end of the year, but improvements were effected to several substandard premises and general levels raised.

Food Complaints

16 complaints were received as follows:-

Nature of Complaint

Action taken

Cheese roll containing a piece of lint	Referred to County Weights & Measures Dept.
Tin of raspberries contained a grub	Referred to County Weights & Measures Dept.
Unfit condition of a fresh chicken	Complaint not substantiated.
Sale from a stall of substandard tinned foods	Business ceased immediately.
Unfit ham and bacon (vacuum packed)	Prosecuted and fine of £40.
Unfit frozen chicken (already cooked)	Evidence destroyed.
Fly in chips	Warning given.
Mouldy coconut candy	Warning given.
Mouldy grapes	Prosecution and fine of £20.
Cakes - out of date codes	Referred to County Weights & Measures Dept.
Unsound frozen chicken	Warning given.
Contaminated biscuits	Analyst reported burnt cereal. No action.
Mouldy crumpets	Prosecution pending.
Mouldy cheese	Warning given.
Mouldy bread rolls	Warning given.

Unsound Food

The following unsound food was condemned during the year:-

Nature of FoodReason for condemnation

Contents of an ice cream refrigerator
 278 x 15½oz. tins of Chili-con-Carne
 1 stone of plaice fillets
 4 stone of cod fillets
 Contents of 3 frozen food cabinets
 506 x 12lb. cases of tomatoes
 18 x 40lb. boxes of South African pears
 27 x 26lb. boxes of bananas
 9 x 11lb. 3oz. tins of grapefruit
 2 stone of dog fish
 2 x 12lb. tins of ham
 64 boxes of bananas
 1 shoulder of ham
 Quantity of food from cafe

Electrical breakdown.
 Blown cans.
 Tainted.
 Decomposition.
 Electrical breakdown.
 Decomposition.
 Decomposition.
 Rotten.
 Blown, rusty and leaky cans.
 Tainted.
 Blown cans.
 Rotten.
 Decomposition.
 Fire.

Poultry Inspection

There are no poultry processing premises within the Urban District.

Premises Controlled by Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970

Category	Regulation 16		Regulation 19	
	No.	Complying	No.	Complying
Bakers	5	5	5	5
Butchers	9	9	9	9
Fish shops and stalls	3	3	3	3
Grocery supermarkets	1	1	1	1
Grocery & General stores	23	23	23	23
Grocery warehouses	1	1	1	1
Licensed Premises	23	23	23	23
Dairies	2	2	2	2
Ice cream premises	32	32	32	32
Canteens	10	10	10	10
Cafes and restaurants	14	14	14	14
Greengrocers	4	4	4	4
TOTALS	127	127	127	127

Sampling

10 samples of soft ice cream were taken. 7 were reported unsatisfactory and appropriate advice given to retailers. 2 samples of grapefruit juice were satisfactory.

4. FACTORIES ACT 1961

In the Urban District of Newhaven there are no factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of the above Act are enforced, and 102 in which Section 7 is enforced.

PART I OF THE ACT

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health.

PREMISES	NUMBER ON REGISTER	INSPECTIONS	WRITTEN NOTICES	OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	107	70	14	NIL
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by L.A. (excluding out-workers' premises)	6	3	NIL	NIL
TOTAL	113	73	14	NIL

2. Cases in which defects were found

PARTICULARS	FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERRED TO H.M. INSPECTOR	REFERRED BY H.M. INSPECTOR	NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH PROSECUTION WAS INSTITUTED
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	-	-	NIL
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	NIL
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	NIL
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	NIL
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	NIL
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)					
(a) Insufficient	2	2	-	-	NIL
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	12	7	-	-	NIL
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	NIL
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	NIL

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORKERS

SECTION 133				SECTION 134		
Nature of Work (1)	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices Served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Curtains and furniture hangings	1	-	-	-	-	-
Wearing Apparel (Making)	1	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	-	-	-	-	-

5. HOUSING

(a) Unfit Property

Number 82 Chapel Street was made fit and the owner released from his undertaking not to re-let.

Numbers 36, 38 and 40 Chapel Street were declared a Clearance Area.

Detailed inspections were made of numbers 1 to 11 Lee Cottages. Numbers 1 and 11 were found to be unfit and undertakings were accepted from the owners not to re-let. The remainder were found to be substandard but not sufficiently unfit to include in a clearance area. The whole site is being purchased by the Council for redevelopment for old persons' accommodation.

Numbers 1 to 4 Denton Cottages were demolished in connection with the new bridge and northern ring road scheme. Sydney Cottage South Lane was inspected found unfit and the tenant re-housed.

There now remain 11 unfit houses, only 5 of which are occupied.

(b) Improvements

During the year further visits were made to the majority of unmodernised houses in the district. There was an encouraging reception to advice on how to achieve the installation of standard amenities. This resulted in 41 applications being received from tenants for the Council to enforce improvements. In some cases undertakings were accepted from owners to carry out the work within twelve months and in others immediate improvement notices were served requiring landlords to do the same.

The number of applications for grants was less than in the previous year but next year the figure is expected to be boosted considerably. There are now about 160 cases where no action has been initiated. These are, in the main elderly or old owners or tenants who wish to remain undisturbed.

Grant applications during the past nine years are as follows:-

Year	<u>Standard Grants</u>	<u>Discretionary Grants</u>	Total
	<u>No. of Applications</u>	<u>No. of Applications</u>	
1964	6	11	17
1965	2	10	12
1966	5	8	13
1967	10	10	20
1968	20	3	23
1969	13	4	17
1970	25	11	36
1971	30	14	44
1972	11	27	38

One discretionary grant was refused as being outside the scope of the Act.

A total of £14,844 was approved for 26 grants, an average of £571 per dwelling. The maximum of £1,000 was approved in two cases.

(c) Housing Complaints

20 complaints were received as follows:-

General Disrepair	5
Dampness	4
Defective floor	1
Defective windows	2
Defective plumbing	2
Condensation	1
Leaking hot water tank	1
Overflowing drain	1
Faulty ball valve	2
Leaking roof	1

Abatement notices were served in one case of severe dampness, and another of serious roof leaks.

(d) Qualification Certificates

16 Qualification Certificates and 11 Provisional Qualification Certificates were issued.

(e) Housing Act 1964, Section 19

41 applications were received from tenants in cases where it was unlikely that the landlord would improve the houses voluntarily. The necessary procedures are being followed to secure the improvements.

(f) Council House Applicants

3 inspections were made of accommodation occupied by council house applicants. 1 family was rehoused.

(g) House Construction

No properties were constructed by the Council during the year. 60 private houses were completed and there were 87 dwellings in the course of erection at the end of the year (including flats). In 1971 there were 23 houses completed and 49 under construction at the end of the year.

6. NOISE ABATEMENT

10 complaints were received:-

Noise from Gravel Grading Machine	5
Barking Dog	1
Noise from Discotheque	1
Noisy neighbour	1
Industrial noise	1
Noisy motor-bicycles	1

With the continued publicity on the effect of noise on the environment the public rightly continue to protest at the invasion of noise, once defined as "unwanted sound" into their lives. With the continued expansion of industry in the town and port, and the inevitable increase in noise through factory processes and additional traffic, difficulties are bound to occur, and the major point of conflict is at the junction between the industrial and residential area. The trend towards industrial estates is welcomed when there is a clear and sufficiently wide zone surrounding the estate which can be maintained as an open space, park or playing field, to act as a buffer not only from the effects of noise but all those attributes of industrial premises that are likely to detract from the amenities of a residential district.

One part of the town which is increasingly feeling the pressure from industrial development is East side and unless life is to become unbearable for these residents, urgent thought should be given as to the future of the area.

7. OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Since April the department has been fully staffed and it is has been possible to attend to routine inspections. It is pleasing to report that over 50% of all registered premises received one general inspection this year. A number of minor contraventions continue to be found and are brought to the notice of the employers though in the main employers are aware of their responsibility and rectify the situation speedily. It has not therefore been found necessary to take legal proceedings.

As in previous years the most common contraventions refer to lack of first aid box, Abstract of the Act or thermometer, the remaining common defects relate to lack of sufficient maintenance and cleaning.

Ten accident notifications were received this year and the reminder sent out to all registered premises last year concerning accident notifications seems to have had the desired effect.

All accidents were fully investigated and apart from one, were found to be due to human carelessness or ignorance of lifting methods.

Particulars of accidents are as follows:-

<u>Injury</u>	<u>Cause</u>
Injury to toes	Beer keg fell off trailer.
Injury to back	Moving beer keg.
Injury to back	Fell down steps.

Multiple bruises	Vehicle crash.
Broken hand	Vehicle crash.
Removal of top of finger	Cleaning blade of bacon slicer.
Broken ankle	Twisted foot whilst unloading beer kegs.
Sprained shoulder	Lifting in an awkward position.
Injury to foot	Run over by hand-powered trolley.
Sprained knee	Slipped on ramp.

77 premises received a general inspection and the number of visits made for all purposes was 149. 16 new premises were registered during the year.

8. PEST CONTROL

118 complaints of rat and mice infestations were received in the office during the year (59 of rats and 59 of mice).

Attention was again given to empty property and during and after demolitions.

The Rodent Operator has supplied the following figures of his work:-

<u>Notifications</u>		<u>Surveys</u>	
Number of visits	207	Number of visits	205
Rat infestations dealt with	149	Rat infestations dealt with	87
Mice infestations dealt with	49	Mice infestations dealt with	18

The value of survey work is once again underlined by the number of infestations dealt with. As a result of regular surveys, the operator gains knowledge of "trouble spots" and visits and treats regularly.

Wasp nests dealt with	7
Houses treated for fleas	15 (16 treatments)

9. PETROLEUM ACTS

23 licences were issued to store petroleum spirit and the total fees collected amounted to £72.

10. PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS, COMPLAINTS AND NUISANCES

40 complaints were received on a variety of matters, as follows:-

Accumulation of rubbish.. .. .	16
Dead sheep washed up on beach	1
Beetles.. .. .	2
Pigeons.. .. .	2
Keeping of bees.. .. .	1
Ants	1
Dead fish at Tide Mills.. .. .	1
Keeping of dogs.. .. .	1
Smells	4
Tents on foreshore	1
Overflowing drains, sewers and cesspools	3
Sleeping in a garage	1
Ditch pollution.. .. .	1
Dirty toilets on caravan site	1
Unauthorised parking of caravan.. .. .	1
Old car body at side of house	1
Insanitary lodging house	1
Cloudiness in water supply	1

Public Health complaints were some 50% less than in 1971.

3 Abatement Notices were served in respect of accumulation of rubbish and one was outstanding at the end of the year. The majority of nuisances were abated informally.

11. REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Collections continued to be carried out weekly from domestic premises and twice a week from trade premises. The work is done by contractors who give a good and reliable service.

Disposal continues to be carried out by controlled tipping on land in Lewes Road where private firms and persons can, on production of an authorisation, bring in any waste materials for disposal.

Chailey R.D.C. continue to make use of the tip for refuse from certain of their parishes.

The bulky collection service begun nine years ago continues to be a boon. Large unwanted pieces of furniture, old prams etc. are collected fortnightly, free of charge, by the Surveyor's workmen, ensuring that this type of rubbish is properly disposed of instead of being indiscriminately dumped in the countryside and on waste land.

12. SEWERAGE

With the exception of the following premises which are drained to cesspools, all houses in the district are connected to the public sewers:-

West Pier..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Court Farm Road	..	..	..	..	..	1
Harbour Heights	..	..	..	..	..	39
Denton, Mount Pleasant	..	..	..	..	..	4
Lewes Road	..	..	..	..	..	10
New Road	..	..	..	..	..	2
Valley Road	..	..	..	..	..	8

13. VACCINATION CERTIFICATES

During the year 336 International Certificates were authenticated.

14. WATER SUPPLY

The district has two sources of water supply. All houses are supplied by mains water.

The supplies derive from (a) The Mid-Sussex Water Company's well at Poverty Bottom and (b) British Railway's well at Denton. The latter supplies the harbour, four houses and the Harbour Hotel.

The department took 4 samples from the Company's supply and the Company submitted 4 samples for bacteriological analysis. All reports were satisfactory. The supply is ample for all purposes.

97 samples before treatment and 97 samples of treated water from British Rail's source were submitted for analysis by their Medical Department. A number of samples of the raw water were unsatisfactory, but all treated water was satisfactory.

1 sample was taken from a foreign going vessel in port and 1 from a standpipe at East Quay. Both were satisfactory.

The supply is ample in quantity.

15. PARTICULARS OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS MADE FOR ALL PURPOSES

Clean Air.. .. .	35
Caravans	16
Complaints	97
Drainage	3
Noise Abatement	16

Food and Food Premises

Bakers and Bakehouses.. .. .	18
Butchers	45
Fish Shops	8
Grocers, General Stores, and Supermarkets.. .. .	58
Greengrocers	11
Restaurants and Cafés.. .. .	49
Licensed Premises.. .. .	24
Miscellaneous.. .. .	34
Food and Drugs Act	11
Market Stalls and Delivery Vans	10
Unsound Food	19
Ice Cream Samples.. .. .	10

Housing

Improvement Grants	258
Housing Survey	248
Housing Inspections	31
Council House Inspections.. .. .	6
Council House Applicants	6
Qualification Certificates	13
Overcrowding	1
Infectious Diseases	10
Miscellaneous.. .. .	69
Petroleum Acts	26
Public Conveniences	10
Refuse Disposal	13
Rats, Mice and other Pests	42
Revisits	178
Verminous premises	14
Water Supply	10

Staff Welfare

Factories.. .. .	70
Offices and Shops.. .. .	149
TOTAL	<u>1,618</u>

16. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

A number of meetings were held with the Chief Inspectors of Lewes, Chailey and Seaford, during the year, to produce a report on the future public health department after April, 1974.

The suggestions for functions and structures in the report followed largely those outlined in that of Bains.

It is considered that the area could be split into two divisions with the headquarters at Lewes and a divisional office at Newhaven. It is also thought that the work could, at present, be carried out by the existing combined establishments. As the work at the port develops and the urban area in the south expands, it may well be necessary to increase the establishment in a few years time.

The deputy Inspectors have commenced a study of the administration, office records, inspection methods etc. with a view to formulating the best possible procedures for use after reorganisation.

17. STAFF

I should like to place on record, my appreciation of the help, enthusiasm and conscientiousness of all members of my staff, without whose efforts this report would be a sparse document.

SECTION IV

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASE

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Ten cases of infectious disease were notified in Newhaven during 1972. These were 4 of measles, 4 of infective hepatitis and 2 of scarlet fever.

SECTION V

TUBERCULOSIS

In 1972 no new case of pulmonary tuberculosis was notified amongst Newhaven residents. One person already suffering from the disease was moved into the district from another area. A total of seven cases was removed from the register during the year. This was comprised of one man and one woman who died from other causes and one man and four women who recovered. One death due to the late effects of respiratory tuberculosis was recorded during the year.

NUMBER OF CASES ON REGISTER AT

31st DECEMBER, 1972

MALES		FEMALES		TOTAL
Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
35	3	36	6	80
Whereas at 31st December, 1971, the number of cases on the register was:-				
36	3	41	6	86

